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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5680

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0394

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

3.O.O 11652: GDS

TAGS: NMOL, PFOR, MZ, UR

SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN SHIP OFFLOADS ARMOR IN MAPUTO

1. FOR PAST TWO NIGHTS (APRIL 12 AND 13), SS PRIGNITZ, PRESUMABLY AN EAST GERMAN VESSEL, HAS BEEN OFFLOADING ARMOR (TANKS AND HALF-TRACK PERSONNEL CARRIERS) AT MAIN QUAY IN MAPUTO HARBOR. PRIGNITZ ARRIVED UNSCHEDULED IN MAPUTO AFTERNOON OF APRIL 12. OFFLOADINGS HAVE USUALLY OCCURRED AFTER SUNSET BETWEEN 2000 HOURS AND 0300 HOURS. ARMOR HAS THEN BEEN MOVED DIRECTLY FROM DOCK THROUGH RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF MAPUTO TO MAIN MOZAMBIQUE MILITARY GARRISON.

2. EVENING OF APRIL 12, EMBOFF OBSERVED THREE TANKS (MODEL T-34/85), ALTHOUGH EMBASSY BELIEVES TOTAL NUMBER  
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OFFLOADED THAT EVENING WAS BETWEEN NINE AND TWELVE. UN OFFICIAL REPORTED SEEING SEVEN TANKS PASS HIS HOUSE. EVENING OF APRIL 13, RELIABLE PORTUGUESE RESIDENT TOLD EMBOFF HE SAW SEVERAL MORE TANKS (PRESUMABLY T-34 MODEL) AND ARMORED HALF-TRACK PERSONNEL CARRIERS. EMBOFF ALSO OBSERVED HALF-TRACK VEHICLES ENTER GARRISON NIGHT OF APRIL 13, AND OTHER EMOBFFS HEARD MOVEMENT OF ARMOR

THROUGH NEARBY STREETS WHICH WERE BLOCKED OFF.

3. EMBASSY LOCALS HAVE ALSO SEEN LARGE MAOZAMBIQUE  
ARMY TRUCKS LEAVE PORT HEAVILY LADEN WITH LARGE SEALED  
BOXES. EACH TRUCK HAD SEVERAL ARMED TROOPS ON BOARD.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN MANY RUMORS ABOUT  
ARRIVAL OF HEAVY ARMOR THROUGH PORT OF MAPUTO, THIS IS  
FIRST TIME TANKS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN SEEN BY EMBOFFS.  
PRIGNITZ IS STILL IN PORT AND WE PRESUME WILL BE OFF-  
LOADING MORE EQUIPMENT THIS EVENING.  
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